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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Toan Ton

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-44 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 29-44 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-28 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sakamoto et al (US 6480245).

Sakamoto discloses a liquid crystal display device comprising: a light generating means 3 for generating a light; a light guiding means 6 for guiding the light to a display means for displaying an image; a reflecting means 7 disposed under the light guiding means, for reflecting the light toward the light guiding means; and a receiving means 8 for receiving the reflecting means, the light guiding means and the light generating means, wherein the receiving means comprises at least one boss at a bottom surface thereof, the at least one boss guiding a position of the light generating means and preventing said light generating means from being moved (see at least Figure 1).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record does not anticipate nor render obvious to one ordinary skilled in the art a liquid crystal display device comprising a combination of various elements as claimed, more specifically,

the receiving means comprises a first receiving container having a side wall and a bottom, the bottom comprising an opening to expose a rear surface of the reflecting means; and a second receiving container being combined with the first receiving container for preventing the reflecting means, the light guiding means and the light generating means from separating from the first receiving container (claim 2 and its dependent claims).

the reflecting means comprises a reflecting body portion, a first reflecting member extended from an end of the reflecting body portion and a second reflecting member extended from an end of the first reflecting member, the second reflecting member covering an upper portion of the light generating means (claim 6 and its dependent claims).

The closest art, Sakamoto, discloses a liquid crystal display device comprising the receiving means, however, fails to disclose/suggest the receiving means with particular structural details as recited in claim 2.

The closest art, Sakamoto, discloses a liquid crystal display device comprising the reflecting means, however, fails to disclose/suggest the reflecting means with particular structural details as recited in claim 6.

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Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


Contact Information

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Toan Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2303.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Kim can be reached on (571) 572-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) -872-9306.

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